

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments to the claims, claims 2-4, 6-10, 13-16, 18-24, 27-35 and 38-44 are pending in this application. In the Office Action dated April 19, 2005, claims 1-3, 5-9, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 24-26, 28, 29, 36 and 37 are rejected in view of the cited references; claims 4, 10, 13-16, 18, 21-23, 27, 30-35 and 38-43 are objected to as being allowable except for their dependency on a rejected base claim; claim 8 is objected to as having insufficient antecedent basis, and claim 44 is allowed.

With this reply, rejected claims 1, 5, 11, 12, 17, 25, 26, 36 and 37 are cancelled and thus the rejections thereof are moot. The remaining claims standing rejected are all amended to depend from an allowable base claim, and hence the rejections thereof are overcome. In addition, the claims that were objected to are rewritten in independent form and/or so that they no longer depend from a rejected base claim. Finally, claims 4, 7, and 8 are further amended to ensure proper antecedent basis.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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